

TELEPHONE LESSON PLAN **(Suggested for K – 3rd grade)**

Objective: Students will learn (or review) their telephone number, including the area code, and learn how to dial their phone number under the new dialing procedure for those telephone numbers with the 310 or 424 area codes.

Lesson:

- Ask the children if they know their telephone number. Have each student recite his/her phone number.
- Ask the children if anyone can write their phone number. Ask volunteers to come forward and write their telephone number on a flip chart or white board.
- Discuss with the students why it's important to know their telephone number. List reasons on a flip chart or white board such as safety, emergencies, to let their parents know where they are, etc.
- Review some of the telephone numbers that the volunteers listed on the flip chart or white board. Note if the students listed just a seven (7)-digit telephone number or if some of the students listed a ten or eleven (10 or 11) digit telephone number.
- Explain that the 7-digit number is the telephone number. Tell or show the students that all of the telephone numbers have at least 7-digits. Explain or show the students that some of the listed telephone numbers have 1 + 310 or 310, before the 7-digit telephone number. (Some students may have an area code aside from the 310. That is ok. The same idea can be applied.)
- Tell the students that the three numbers right before the 7-digit telephone number are part of what is called the "area code". Explain to the students that the area code identifies where (locality or city) they live or where the school is located. Next, indicate that in California we add 1 before dialing the area code. Let's say it all together 1 + 310.
- Write 1 + 310 on the flip chart or white board. Have volunteers come forward and read the numbers. Cover over or erase 1 + 310. Select several students to come forward and write 1 + 310.
- Tell the students that a new area code is being added for the same locality or city as the 310 geographic region in August 2006. Explain that everyone must dial 1 + 310 + the 7-digit telephone number on July 26, 2006. Tell the students that they, and their families, should start dialing the extra numbers now. Instruct the students that 7-digit dialing within the 310 area code will no longer work after July 26.
- If you have a play phone available, have volunteers come up one by one to practice dialing their telephone number as 1 + 310 + the 7-digit telephone number.
- Remind the students that they can still dial 911 the same way as before.

Additional Classroom Activity or Homework

- Pass out the handout to the students. Have the students write in the numbers on the cellular phone by copying the symbols on the regular phone. They can color the picture. Ask the students to fill in all of the boxes with the 1 + the area code + 7-digit telephone number with telephone numbers that they know. Or, have the students take the handout home and have their parents help print the 1 + the area code + 7-digit telephone number and recite it. At the bottom, the students should write 911 as the numbers to dial for emergencies.
- Give a sticker to the students who complete the assignment.